

Ocotillo

Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



Councilmember Norma Alvarez

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Dear Ocotillo District Residents,

As you may know, I recently had an accident resulting in injuries. Please know that during my recovery, I have been and will continue to be involved with city related business. If you require assistance with city related matters, as always, please call my office at 623-930-2249. Council office staff is working closely with me during this time to ensure that I remain informed of all comments and inquiries addressed to my office.

I look forward to continue our work together on important Ocotillo District and city matters and strongly encourage you to remain active in your community.

I want to thank everyone at Health South in Glendale, the staff has been wonderful and has helped me greatly with my rehabilitation.

Finally, I want to thank my family, constituents and city staff for their continued support and well wishes.

Sincerely,

— Councilmember
Norma S. Alvarez



Glendale Residents Have Access to Two Dozen More Libraries. The Glendale City Council recently approved two agreements with the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD) that provides additional resources to Glendale residents, as well as saves the city money by reducing operating expenses that can now be shared. In fact, throughout the county, Glendale residents will be able to access an additional two dozen libraries.

The first agreement is a reciprocal borrowing agreement with MCLD, in which any Maricopa County resident, regardless of which municipality they reside in, can get a library card from any municipal or county library in Maricopa County. For instance, a resident of Glendale will be able to get a card in Peoria, and vice versa. Not only will this provide flexibility and increased

services for residents, but it will also provide additional revenue to Glendale. At the end of each year, the MCLD calculates the number of non-city residents using a municipal library for each city, as well as those patrons who use other city libraries and/or county libraries. This amount will vary annually, but based on current numbers, a potential of approximately \$163,000 in additional revenue could be brought in through cash, book purchases and electronic database services.

In addition, a second agreement with the MCLD involves a new software system, or Integrated Library System (ILS), that will be implemented through the county's resources, covering all costs associated with migrating, training and annual maintenance, including upgrades. Since the city's current ILS could be phased out and no longer technically supported, this was beneficial to the city. While this agreement will improve the library's technology, it also will save the city nearly \$350,000 in one-time funds and \$35,000 annually in operating and maintenance costs.

The reciprocal borrowing went into effect July 1st and the new technology will be implemented over a period of time.

For additional information on Glendale Public Library, [click here](#).

Glendale's YouTube Channel Trending Videos

HAWK Pedestrian Street Signals, 65th & Glendale Avenues: <http://youtu.be/r-EDQ9JHnfU>

Summer Programs for Kids: <http://youtu.be/jrhpb7nTVIA>

The Fix It Guys: <http://youtu.be/M7zIVl9sGrE>

More Videos: <http://www.youtube.com/myglendale11>

Christmas in July! Santa is making an early stop in Historic Downtown Glendale on Saturday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors will enjoy a fun-filled day of holiday crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale, while having the opportunity to give back during a special back to school charity drive.

With only 157 days left to get all of your shopping for gifts and decorations complete, start early and avoid the rush! Christmas cheer begins at the Glendale Visitor Center, where you'll pick up your holiday map, coupons and gift bag (for the first 300 visitors) and take a spin on the prize wheel.

Santa himself will take a break from making toys to make a stop in downtown Glendale, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at A Mad Hatter's, located at 5734 W. Glendale Ave. Photos will be available for a nominal fee or shoppers are welcome to take their own pictures with Santa.

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Glendale Visitor Center will be accepting school supplies for the Annual Back to School Supply Drive, which will benefit local elementary schools. These items include new backpacks, pencils, colored pencils, markers, erasers, paper, folders, binders, crayons and glue.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, contact the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500 or visit www.visitglendale.com. The Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140.

Get Wild About Glendale Parks and Recreation. The city of Glendale is joining the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) "Get Wild" theme for National Parks and Recreation Month. Glendale wants everyone to show how wild they are about parks and recreation and take part in the "Get Wild" activities. As an added bonus to enjoying these great amenities and resources, Parks and Recreation is giving away a monthly pass for the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center. Simply log on to <http://www.facebook.com/GlendaleRecreation> and click on the contest tab to enter.

The 2012 theme of the "Get Wild" campaign encourages individuals, families, friends and park lovers everywhere to venture to Glendale's parks and recreation facilities to experience the many benefits they offer, such as programs to inspire healthy, active lifestyles and activities to appreciate nature and the environment.

[Click here](#) to learn more about how to get wild in Glendale and see the complete calendar of activities.

Around Town

Writing a Winning Resume. During this workshop, participants will learn how to develop, write and distribute a basic resume and cover letter. In addition to content, format and style, participants will learn how to write, attach and use a cover letter. Participants will learn how to link effective resume and cover letter distribution to job-hunting goals. The many "resume myths" will be discussed along with a "what not to do" checklist. For more information or to register, call 623-930-3531. Join us from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 10 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. for this free workshop.

Water Wars! Make a splash at the library! Teens, 12-18 are invited to join the annual Summer Water Wars party with water balloons, super soakers and more. Bring sunscreen, a towel and be dressed for outdoor water activities. All materials will be provided. Join us from 2-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. for this free program. For more information, call 623-930-3837.

Wildlife World Zoo presents: Creatures of the Night. The Wildlife World Zoo is bringing some of their animal ambassadors so residents can explore the world of animals that are active in the night. Join us from 2-3 p.m., Wednesday, July 11 at the Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. For more information, call 623-930-3437.

Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program Offers Classes July 11 and Aug. 1 - En Español. This summer, Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program will offer their classes on how to reduce home energy and water use in Spanish. A bi-lingual instructor will present the information in Spanish, and materials will be provided in Spanish, as well. [Click here](#) for more information.

Capture the Flag: Water Fight! Beat the summer heat at this massive water fight. Two teams will compete to capture the flag and reign supreme. Join us from 4-5 p.m., Monday, July 16, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Dress to get wet. Bring your own water gun or one will be provided. This event is for ages 8-11 only. For more information on this free program, call 623-930-3537.

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